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Defenders stung by St. Ambrose

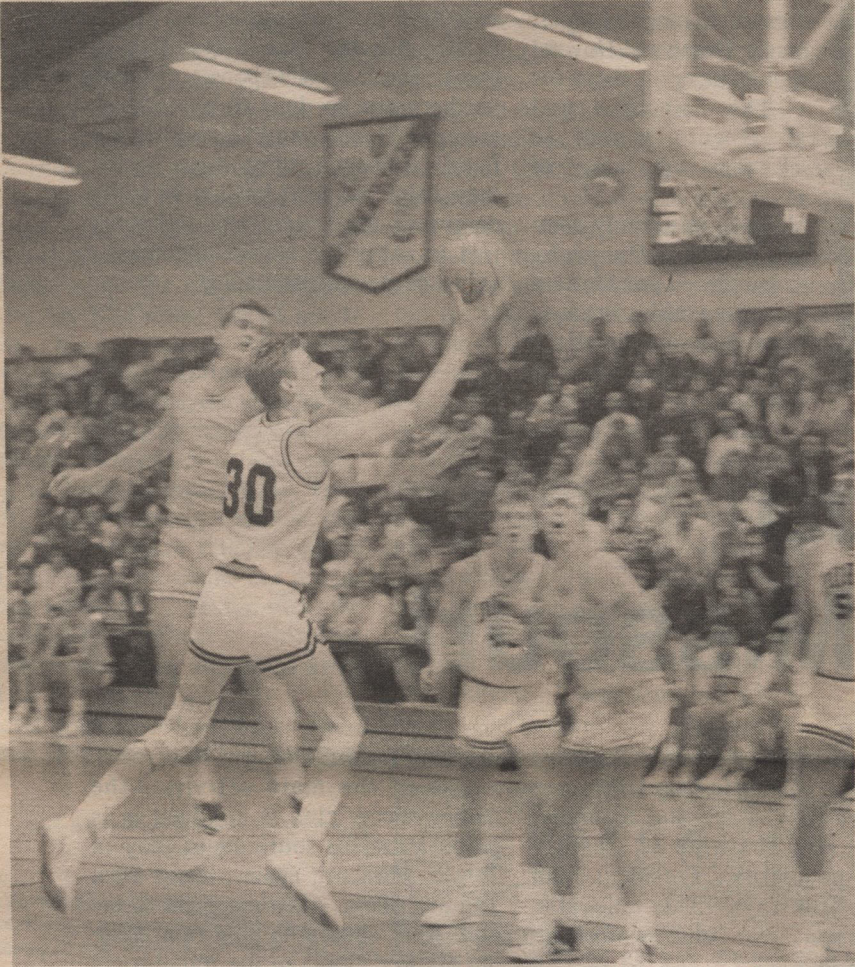


Photo by Angela Eriksen

District 15 player-of-the-week, Jerry Boer, scores on a lay-up in playoff action.

GLAD rocks Dordt

by Teresa Van Gunst

GLAD is coming to Dordt and you don't want to miss it. This relatively new Christian band has cut seven albums and has performed over 1,100 concerts, and they are well on their way to making a big name for themselves. Setting up the concert wasn't easy, but with a lot of hard work, the deal was made, and GLAD is coming!

In an effort to get more student involvement here at Dordt, the Social Activities Committee, made up of ten Dordt students, started with lots of big name performers and narrowed them down to this five-man band. GLAD's most recent release, *The Acapella Project*, highlights the fantastic vocal quality that is winning the band excellent reviews including this one from *Contemporary Christian Music Magazine*: "GLAD's performance unquestionably demonstrates that a Christian band can rock and minister at the same time, and do both with style and power." But GLAD is best

known for their variety of sounds. Ranging from jazz to pop to the new Acapella music, GLAD has proven again and again that they have the ability to excite any audience.

But they also have a message. Lead singer Ed Nalle says, "Because of the amazing power of music, we are able to take a simple lyric and build it into a powerful message. As a result, we get our foot in the door to offer Christ to nonbelievers in a way that we couldn't otherwise. We also encourage believers to share their faith because our faith isn't real unless it's shared." GLAD has successfully combined brilliant song writing and sparkling harmonies into a concert that will excite and challenge you.

The concert is March 15, and tickets are still on sale at the Dean of Students' office downstairs in the SUB, at True Vine in Sioux Center, and at Dove Bookstore in Orange City--so get your tickets now!

by Steve Hoogland

Last night for the third time in five years the men's basketball team entered the District 15 championship game. In 1985 the Defenders lost to Marycrest in Davenport. Last year, Dordt beat St. Ambrose in Sioux Center by a score of 105-83. This year, St. Ambrose was out to avenge that loss on their home court. The Lee Loman Arena had been the sight of Dordt's championship loss to Marycrest four years ago.

The Fighting Bees entered the game with the District's number one ranking and a thirteen-game winning streak. Dordt was the District's third seed, sporting a six-game win streak of their own. They had also scored 100 points in four consecutive contests and according to Coach Rick Vander Berg, "In the past month we have played up to our abilities."

The Defenders were riding high, coming off an emotional 103-97 upset over the second-seed Westmar Eagles last Saturday. Dordt was eyeing the prospect of a return trip to Kansas City, where they advanced to the National quarterfinals last year.

The game opened quickly with the Fighting Bees jumping to a 16-10 lead. The Defenders tied it up 20-20 minutes later. Derrick Altena sparked Dordt with two 3-pointers as the Defenders took a brief lead, but the rest of the first half was very close. Neither team managed more than a four point lead. The teams entered the locker room with the score knotted at 44-44.

In the second-half, both teams opened up their offenses. Larry

Faber's 3-pointer sparked a five-point Dordt run to grab a 57-52 lead. St. Ambrose answered with ten points of their own to establish a 64-59 lead. Dordt took another lead of 67-66 behind another Altena 3-pointer. The Bees scored six more points to reestablish their lead.

St. Ambrose maintained a lead until Dordt closed the gap down the stretch. Jerry Boer connected for a 3-point field goal with 2:50 remaining in the game, giving the Defenders an 82-80 lead.

Seconds later, Altena was called for a charging foul and the Fighting Bees took advantage of the call, scoring ten-unanswered points. Dordt did not break that run until Jay Schelhaas scored with seventeen seconds left. The Defenders were out of the game by that point and lost by a 92-85 score.

Larry Faber played a career-best game in his last effort as a Defender, scoring 20 points, including two 3-pointers. Kevin Veenstra scored 16. Juniors Derrick Altena and Jay Schelhaas scored 15. The Fighting Bees held District 15 Player-of-the-week Jerry Boer to 12 points as he has averaged 23 points in the first two playoff games.

After the game, coach Vander Berg said, "We didn't play well enough defensively, and that hurt our rebounding. We knew we had to establish strong inside play against their big guys and we didn't get it going."

The Defenders end the season with a 19-9 record, finishing only one game away from Kansas City.



News Shorts

by Teri Nikkel

KDCR gets under control

Approximately twenty years ago, Dordt's radio station, KDCR, was purchased. The station has been using much of the original equipment since that time. Recently, KDCR Manager Denny De Waard ordered a new control board.

"We've been having many problems with the old board that we're just living with," says De Waard. The old board, somewhat out of date and undependable, is becoming difficult and expensive to find parts for. De Waard decided "the timing was right" when he found and ordered a ten channel control board at a discount rate from the Harris Corporation, Quincy, Illinois. The \$6,500 needed to cover the cost will come from KDCR's budget which is financed in part by Dordt College. "It's a good price for this conservatively state of the art equipment," says De Waard. The board should produce cleaner sound and "is bound to help broadcasting students," according to Professor Martin Dekkenga.

Along with installing a new control board, the station plans on doing some remodeling. The whole project should be completed by the end of April.

Dordt will have a Hart

Dr. Henk Hart of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto will be on campus March 10 and 11. Hart is a professor and author, a "flamboyant, almost controversial figure who has caused some waves in the Christian Reformed community," says Professor John Kok.

Hart is on a promotional tour to a variety of Christian colleges and is interested in the growing realization of the Christian's responsibility in light of the Scripture. He will be available in the SUB on Friday from 9 to 10 am and again from 2:30 to 3:30pm. On Saturday, he will be lecturing at 8:30 am, 9:45, 11:00, and 12:30 in C158 under the theme "Reason, Authority, and Norms in the Christian Community."

Opera at Dordt

Baritone opera singer James Javore of New York City will be visiting Dordt's campus. A versatile artist, Javore has sung over sixty operatic roles with a variety of companies across the United States.

Javore will perform in a guest recital Friday, March 10, at 8:00 pm in the college chapel. He will also lead a master class on Saturday, March 11, from 10 am until noon in the choir room of the music building.

Admission is free for both the recital and the master class.

Tolkien lives on

by Christine Van Belle

Two J.R.R. Tolkien fans, Sam Gesch and Tim Howard, have begun the Tolkien Club at Dordt. The club is designed to help the members gain more enjoyment and a better understanding of the Tolkien series about Middle-earth. The book series includes, among others, *The Hobbit*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *Return of the King*.

The club meets once a week to read through one of Tolkien's books and discuss any questions or comments that might come up. Presently, they are reading *The Hobbit*. Gesch and Howard hope to get into more of Tolkien's books with the club. They claim many people aren't aware of the extent to which Tolkien wrote about

the fantasy world Middle-earth. There are books and writings about this world that are just being published by Tolkien's son. Tolkien wrote a large number of books about the cultures, languages and histories of the people of Middle-earth.

Because of the wide range of topics in Tolkien's books, Gesch and Howard feel "there is something in them for everyone." The historical and architectural aspects appeal to Howard; Gesch's forte is the history of the languages.

Some people have mistakenly compared Tolkien's novels to *Dungeons and Dragons*, but Gesch and Howard say they are nothing alike because J.R.R. Tolkien was a Christian.

However, they are not trying to "read Christianity into the novels." Tolkien's novels are not a series of metaphors about the Christian life. Gesch says, "This is fantasy with a Christian worldview."

The club meets Wednesday nights at 9:00 in the conference room of the SUB. Anyone should feel free to come. Dordt doesn't sponsor this club so there are no dues to pay. Even though Gesch and Howard are fanatical about reading these books, they claim you don't have to be really deep into the series--you can come just to enjoy the stories and maybe gain a deeper understanding.

Soccer club travels to Missouri

by Dan Mennega

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the gym--watch out! You'll probably end up in the middle of a gut-blasting, lung-stretching game of indoor soccer.

When Dr. Paulo Ribeiro suggested to John Vander Kruk that an indoor soccer club be formed, Vander Kruk promptly took action. Though this is not the first idea of starting an indoor soccer club at Dordt, this year is by far the most successful. Anywhere from 18 to 26 people show up at the designated times for an hour of sweating, tension-relieving exercise.

The club is made up of any Dordt students and faculty who would like to try it. The club would like to encourage any women who are daring

enough to enjoy the sport to come out and play. The playing times are Tuesday, 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. The club is steadily gaining popularity. President John Vander Kruk says, "This enjoyable sport attracts fans... club membership increases by week."

The purpose of Dordt's latest club is to promote health, fitness, and good sportsmanship. Vander Kruk hopes to see "good fun conducted in a Christian manner." The club's main initiative is a love for soccer and exercise. Time was spent by several members constructing official size goal nets for the club, and the elected officers have spent time writing up the constitution. Another planned activity is the making

of a club T-shirt.

One of the main activities the indoor soccer club is involved in is preparation for tournament play in Tarkio, Missouri, against teams from Tarkio College. Ten members of the club were chosen to play (ten being the allowed limit) in the round-robin style tournament Saturday, March 11.

In the meantime, enthusiasm builds concerning the club here on campus. "Dordt College definitely holds interest for indoor soccer. The club has grown from eight members to over twenty regular players," says Jim Vander Ploeg, club secretary. Next time you're feeling restless, consider trying out your lungs and legs in a fast-paced game of indoor soccer.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 9-Saturday, March 11
Play, *The Crucible*, TePaske Theater, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 17
Band Concert, Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 23-Monday, April 3
Spring Break

Wednesday, April 5
Women's softball vs. Briar Cliff, away, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7
Pro-Life rally, West Commons, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8
Track, Buena Vista

Sunday, April 9
Choir Concert, Chapel, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, April 10-Tuesday, April 11
B.J. Haan Lecture Series, C160, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11
Women's track, Wayne State
Men's track, Westmar
Women's softball vs. Northwestern, away, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 13
One Acts, New World Theater, 8:00 p.m.

Van Dyk travels country

by Tim Kramer

Crisscrossing the United States and Canada, Dordt College professor Dr. John Van Dyk has divided his time between teaching and traveling this semester.

Van Dyk started the year with a trip to Chicago and from there journeyed to Ontario, Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Florida, with infrequent layovers in Sioux Center. Van Dyk says he has enjoyed visiting different parts of the country but says sometimes he gets too busy.

Van Dyk's trips are connected to his work with Dordt College's Center for Educational Services. Through the center, Van Dyk has conducted workshops, observed classrooms, and done follow-up work. His workshops

are titled "Teaching Christianity: A Mere Slogan or Classroom Reality?" and "The Principal as Instructional Leader."

In his workshops, Van Dyk says he pushes educators to examine what sets a Christian teacher apart from others. He says the methodology and content teachers use in the classroom is what sets them apart from public school teachers. And Van Dyk says he's changed the methodology in his own classroom, breaking away from traditional lecturing styles.

Van Dyk has also spent time this semester working for the government. Hired by the Department of Education as a site visitor, Van Dyk spent two weeks observing three Minneapolis,

Minnesota, public schools. Paired with a Milwaukee administrator, Van Dyk visited the schools, observed classrooms, and talked with students, teachers, parents, and board members.

Van Dyk's duty as a site visitor is to evaluate the schools he visited. The Department of Education uses the evaluations to decide what schools should receive special recognition. The recognition award is important to schools because they can use it to raise local taxes.

Of the places he has visited, Van Dyk says Rehoboth, New Mexico, stands apart from the rest. He says the Navahoes, despite their ethnic problems, engage Christian education. He was encouraged by their commitment

and by the zeal with which they pursue education. Their commitment, he says, should be a model for other communities.

Even though he has had an opportunity to observe classrooms across the nation, Van Dyk misses teaching. He says this semester has been an unusual one for him. "I'm looking forward to next year when I'll be teaching three courses. My first love is teaching."

Next year Van Dyk will teach two introductory education courses and work only one-quarter of the time for the education center. He says the center has been very successful, but he's looking forward to letting someone else travel the country.

Dutch students experience Dordt

by Cheri Oostra and Karen Peters

Many of us at Dordt brag of our Dutch heritage, but there are two students at Dordt who are fully justified in their pride. Anna Maria Willems and Edward Wierenga represent the Netherlands as only true citizens can.

In August of 1988, both Willems and Wierenga, mere acquaintances at that time, said their farewells and began a year long experience in America, more specifically, at Dordt. Willems chose Dordt upon the recommendation of a family friend, whereas Wierenga admits that Dordt

was the only college address he had, making his decision quite simple. Since their arrival, both admit that the United States has proven to be enjoyable, yet different and unbelievably large.

Both Willems and Wierenga find the size of the United States a pleasant surprise. Willems states, "I like the space; it's nice and big!" Willems has used his vacation time to travel. He wants to see as much as possible while he is here.

Wierenga has already seen a lot of North America by traveling to

California, Mexico, and Canada. He hopes to continue to travel after this semester by touring with the Repertory Theatre and perhaps heading to Florida and New York, if his budget allows.

Willems has also seen some of the country by visiting friends in Minnesota, Seattle, and British Columbia. She hopes to see more before her return to the Netherlands in June.

Wierenga's most memorable experience thus far has been his trip to California in a little Ford Mustang with two friends. They covered approximately 8,000 miles in three weeks. Wierenga became the typical tourist, skiing in Colorado, gazing at the Grand Canyon, bargain hunting in Mexico, and meeting Mickey Mouse in Disneyland. All of these adventures combined made his trip fun, relaxing, and educational.

Willems tells that the biggest surprise for her was the fact that the movies she had seen in the Netherlands portrayed reality in the United States. She says, "The people really are as enthusiastic and jumpy as they are in the movies."

Driving has been a skill they both wished to master while here, and both have tried their hand at it. Driving is a rare privilege for many European youths because of the high cost of obtaining a driver's license; the

average cost in the Netherlands is \$600. Wierenga has gone as far as obtaining a temporary license, while Willems' experiences have been limited, but eventful. She is eager to try again.

Neither Willems nor Wierenga find their classes to be especially difficult, but challenging enough to keep them busy. Willems is taking many general courses because she is uncertain about her major. Wierenga, because some of his high school classes transferred to the college level, is taking third and fourth year classes which will aid his future education in business marketing. Both plan to attend universities in the Netherlands next year. Wierenga says that one of the most beneficial things about his college experience in the United States is that he is becoming more fluent in English. This is important because most textbooks in Europe are written in English.

Wierenga and Willems do not seem disappointed in Sioux Center as a community. "The people are really cool," Willems says. Wierenga agrees that friendliness seems to be commonplace in all of America, especially at Dordt. Because it would be financially impossible for either Willems or Wierenga to return next year, they are making the most of the time they have left in the States.

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editor's corner

The finger points back to you

by Galen Sinkey

A number of people on campus seem concerned about the way certain students at Dordt live while calling themselves Christians. Much has been discussed and written on the evils of poor sportsmanship, swearing, poor church and chapel attendance, drinking, smoking, and on and on. However, I see a bigger problem in those of us who continually harp about the hypocrites that live around us. Through well-intended efforts to try to get people act more "Christian," some overzealous critics have effectively separated the two groups when what is need most is cooperation and unity.

The high level of concern and rhetoric about the poor "witnesses" on our campus has done nothing to solve the problem. First of all, the criticism has not been leveled against any specific individuals; rather, frustrations have been expressed in generalities. Most of the complaints express frustration with "all the people who drink" or "people who swear," but little has been said about specific situations involving specific people. While I don't want to see a witch hunt, I do think the present accusations are too general. The people who do need to change may not even realize they are doing anything wrong. Others may admit to occasional wrongdoings but consider themselves in better shape than the next guy. Some realize the criticism is aimed at them but they simply don't care and they resent the "better-than-thou" attitudes of their critics.

The Bible shows us how to deal with Christians who live lives that do not

direct others to the Kingdom. Christ never restricted his ministry to those who loved him the most and lived the best lives. Rather, he spent time with the low-life, the prostitutes, the tax collectors, and the greedy. He gave his message in an attitude of love and concern.

Christ's example gives us a guideline to follow. When we see an undesirable situation, we must approach the individuals in a friendly, concerned manner. Most importantly, we must go on loving them. If you see a person who falls into habits and activities that should not characterize a Christian, maybe that would be a good person to befriend. Get to know the person, show him or her you approve of them as an image-bearer of Christ. When the time is appropriate, help the person see what traits *should* characterize a Christian.

In time I hope to hear less about the "hypocrisy" and "indifference" on campus and more about one-on-one friendly confrontations. In the past couple of years, students have left Dordt because of their frustration with the lack of genuine Christianity here. This is the greatest cop-out of all. If you see an unmet need or a wrong-doing, your job is to try to change the situation for the better. The wrong thing to do is to leave in judgmental disapproval while the situation merely grows worse.

letters to the editor

Student chides chapel attendance

To the Editor:

This letter concerns this year's chapel attendance by both students and faculty. I realize that Dordt does not require chapel attendance--it is your option to attend. But do we as Christians, worshippers of God, really have this option? I don't think we do. God doesn't say we can praise Him whenever we want to, if it's convenient, or if we don't have

anything else to do. He commands us to worship Him at all times, in all places. Dordt gives us the opportunity to gather together, not as students and faculty but as worshippers of God, to praise Him and grow together in Him. See you in chapel.

Pat De Waard

Smokers not the butt

To the editor:

I would like to clarify the cartoon that appeared in the last issue of the *Diamond*. The quite stereotypical image of a smoking crowd caused some to believe that smokers are the target of scorn on this campus.

Those who studied the picture closely were able to see that my humor was not directed at a group of people but toward a situation. When the Student Forum sets out to protect the rights of people at Dordt, it is ironic that they bow to the minority who seem to be infringing on the

rights of the majority.

I harbor no dislike for smokers and personally do not care if the ban on smoking is lifted or put into effect. The Student Forum was civil in dealing with the issue, and that is always appreciated. But protecting smokers from an infringement on their rights does not seem like a valid enough reason to let them light up in buildings shared by the public.

Alan Bandstra

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Art Department boasts new agenda

by Floyd Reitsma

Ranging from what we hang on our walls to how we build our houses, art is all around us. Art changes from time to time as new ideas are expressed. The Art Department at Dordt has a change in store, too: Mr. Norman Matheis is retiring.

Three candidates from different backgrounds are being considered. Tom Dykstra, from Hamilton, Ohio, graduated from Western Michigan University in 1986 with a Master of Fine Arts degree. Another candidate is Linda Vredveld Shultes. She recently finished her MFA in painting at the University of Illinois. Gerry Dykstra, another candidate, is from Surrey, British Columbia, and has been teaching at Fraser Valley Christian High School for the last ten years. He holds a MFA from the University of British Columbia.

Two different criteria will be used to evaluate the candidates. First, they have been asked to give a presentation to one of the art classes, chosen at random. The subjects they will speak on are up to them, ranging from composition to techniques. Friday, they will go before the board for further evaluation.

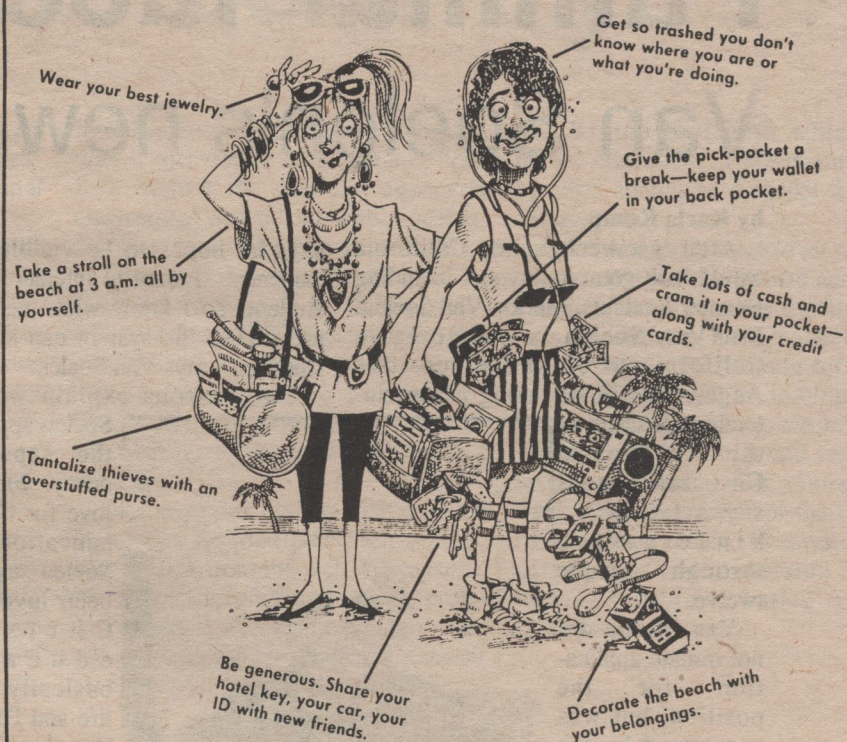
The job will be tough to fill because

of the wide range of subjects that must be taught—painting, drawing, print-making, and some art history. Flexibility is what they will be looking for, in part, according to Mrs. Alberda, one of the two art teachers. She says that art helps "broaden perspectives" of the students, and she hopes that will be a goal of the professor filling the position.

Besides professor changes, there is much more going on in the Art Department. Beginning March 20th, David Peterson, a 1987 Pulitzer Prize winner, will have an exhibit. Peterson is a photographer for the *Des Moines Register*, and won the Pulitzer by photographing rural Iowa when farmers were going bankrupt and losing their farms.

After David Peterson's exhibit, the Art Department will show works from all classes. Senior art shows by Sandy Allspach, followed by Sharyl Wielard, are next on the agenda. The last show of the semester will be presented by Ed Kellogg. He will show all the works he has completed while at Dordt. Much is going on in the Art Department, so come out and enjoy the hard work.

8 ways to ruin Spring Break



Only two weeks to go!!

Tel performs in recital

by Shon Heersink

A fine job was done by yet another organist Tuesday night, only this time it was senior Martin Tel. He did have the flu all day, and we thought it might be cancelled, but Tel overcame these difficulties and came through with flying colors.

The recital started with a very difficult work by J.S. Bach. This Prelude and Fugue is one of Bach's later and more mature works, and it is quite long. The themes within this piece are very moving, and it is not hard to follow the ingenious way Bach treats the themes within the piece.

After this, Tel performed a set of four variations on a chorale prelude. These were rhythmically interesting and short. The next piece, the first movement of Viernes Third Organ Symphony, was full of contrasting and dramatic themes, exemplifying the beautiful sonorities of the organ and

showing just how powerful a sound our organ can produce when played well.

After intermission, a set of variations by Samuel Barber were played. These were pretty, and exemplified the technique of playing the melody with the pedals. Following this, a choir sang the Genevan Psalm 140, and Tel played a set of variations on this theme. The last piece, a heavily rhythmic piece by Letez, was not written in major or minor, but was written in a melodic pattern, with no consideration for key. Many chordal clusters could be heard, and these were rhythmically opposed to each other throughout the piece. Most of the audience was very proud of Tel, considering he did play when he was sick and he did a good job of portraying his gift of music to us.

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Familiar faces move on

Van Soelen's new challenges

by Karla Kamp

After last week, sunny California would look great to anyone, including Dean of Students, Marion Van Soelen. But Van Soelen is not going to California to be in the sun--this August he will be taking a superintendent position in the Ontario Christian School system--kindergarten through grade twelve.

Van Soelen did not initiate application for the position, but was contacted by the Ontario administration. At first he expressed doubt in applying for the superintendent position, but Van Soelen says, "I sat with it for a couple days and I was a little uncomfortable, so I thought I would apply."

Van Soelen says he's going into a very good school system--one of the largest school systems in CSI (Christian Schools International) with 900 students. He will be the chief administrative officer answering to the Board of Trustees for the grade school and junior high, and the high school. Although he will mostly deal with administration and staff, Van Soelen

says he hopes to be visible to the students. "I want to interact with the students so I know what their needs are and so the system can serve the students," says Van Soelen.

Two reasons explain why Van

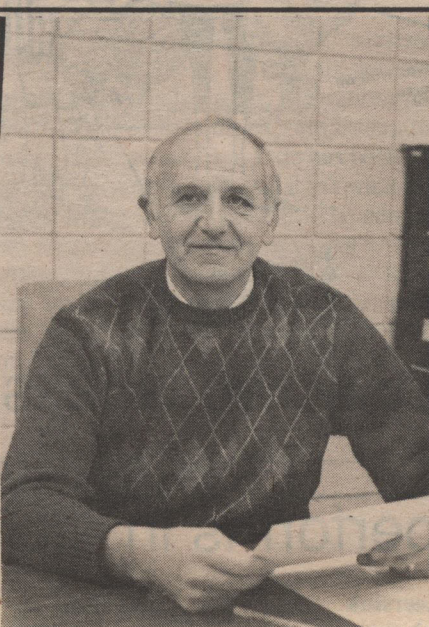


Photo by Paul Vande Kamp

Soelen applied for the superintendency. First is his love for Christian education. Van Soelen says, "I've been involved in Christian education basically all my life and I'd like to stay there." Also, for several years the need for administrators in Christian school systems has been prominent in Van Soelen's mind. "I think there are other people that could fulfill this position [Dean of

Students], but in the administration I'm going into now, there needs to be a certain kind of certification, and I have the opportunity to have that certification."

Experience and qualification he does have. Van Soelen has been at Dordt for twelve years--three years as Athletic Director and nine as Dean of Students. Before coming to Iowa to become principal at Unity Christian,

Van Soelen was a coach and P.E. teacher, and later the assistant principal at Illiana.

Van Soelen looks forward to his new position as superintendent and sees several challenges. Ontario is a community in transition; it was basically rural and now the city is building around it. As a result, people from other than the Reformed tradition have been attracted to the school system. Van Soelen says, "Maintaining the Reformed basis of the school and yet continuing to reach out to even more evangelicals will be a big challenge."

Also, as superintendent, Van Soelen will be the chief hiring officer. Since a school is only as good as its employees, it will be a challenge and great responsibility to do the hiring. In this respect, Van Soelen will keep in contact with Dordt. "One of the joys will be hopefully coming back to Dordt College to recruit teachers," indicates Van Soelen.

Van Soelen is excited about working in the high school/grade school setting. He says, "If I wanted to repeat any of my education, my high school years is what I'd like to repeat." He also looks forward to dealing with the younger grades. "I can remember being out in the playground," recalls Van Soelen, "and the little kids coming up and holding your hand. They are so impressionable."

Nonetheless, Van Soelen will miss Dordt, especially his contact with the

students. He says, "I like the maturity level of the college student. Even though you deal with difficult things, you also see growth and development. You're basically dealing with adults."

Van Soelen will take memories of Dordt with him to California. But if you've ever been disciplined by Van Soelen, you need have no fear--he doesn't remember that. Van Soelen recalls, "Sometimes I meet alumni who have very vivid memories in their mind. I don't recall those things. I can assure students that if they've had some contact with me which has been unpleasant, I won't remember it. The Lord has blessed me with that."

Van Soelen will remember nine years ago when the team of Student Services began, how well the team works, and how the needs of the students have been met. "That has given me the greatest satisfaction," says Van Soelen. "And I have to attribute a lot of that as much to the students as to the staff."

By July, Dordt's Dean of Students will be off to California, a place he visited for the first time this past month for an interview. That doesn't scare him though--he'd never been to Northwest Iowa until becoming principal at Unity 19 years ago. Wherever Van Soelen goes, we can be sure he'll be thinking about Dordt. Although he realizes Dordt's campus isn't perfect, he says, "I've seen a lot of campus environments and I still think the environment of Dordt College is second to none."

Droogsma continues graduate studies

Karla Kamp

Besides Dean of Students, Marion Van Soelen, leaving, another change is taking place in Student Services. Next year a new counselor will occupy Glenda Droogsma's office, as Droogsma goes to the University of Iowa to complete her Master's degree in Counselor's Education.

Droogsma, in her third year as counselor at Dordt, has been taking courses toward her masters during the past two summers at the University of Iowa. She has most of the counseling courses taken, but it will take another year to work on the administrative courses.

A 1982 graduate of Calvin College, Droogsma has worked as a counselor in a residential group home with

mentally or emotionally impaired persons. After completing her masters degree, Droogsma would like to have a similar position as she has here at Dordt. Droogsma says, "I enjoy working with college students and in a private Christian college, especially a small Christian college. There are different roles other than just counseling." Droogsma is also involved with SUB Club, Social Activities Committee, Community Outreach Program, and RA training and selection.

Droogsma will miss working at Dordt. She especially indicates her appreciation of working with a Christian staff. Says Droogsma, "Before coming to Dordt, I worked

with secular agencies. It's been a pleasure to start meetings with devotions and prayer. It didn't surprise me; I expected that at Dordt, but what surprised me was how much it meant to me."

Although they require a lot of hard work and preparation time, the RA retreats are an experience that stands out in Droogsma's mind because they anticipate the new year.

Droogsma may come back to Dordt again, but she has not requested that her position be held open. Right now she is a member of the search committee that will look for a candidate to fulfill the Dean of Students position next year.



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reviews

Cleansing fire comes to Dordt

by Tim Kramer

Witchcraft takes over TePaske Theatre this week when the Dordt College Theatre Arts Department performs Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.

Based on the Salem, Massachusetts, witch trials of 1692, *The Crucible* is a play about wants and secrets, says director Dr. James Koldenhoven. The play shows a community where it was safer to confess being a witch than deny it. During the time of the Salem witch trials, twenty people actually died at the hands of their accusers--nineteen were hanged and one was pressed to death by stones.

Miller wrote the play during the 1950's, the McCarthy era of black-listing. It's easy to see the parallel between hunting communists and witches, but Koldenhoven says he has tried to avoid the play's political bent.

Instead, each character has something to hide, something to keep secret. Each character wants to stay out of the imaginary crucible center stage. Literally, a crucible is a pot for melting metal ores. In the play, the crucible is the hot seat or cleansing fire that melts down and strips away secrets.

According to set designer John Hofland, the stage is in part designed

around the crucible. Koldenhoven says the actors try to avoid center stage if possible, but the askew, cold design of the set almost forces them into it.

The set design also helps to advance the play as a psychological dilemma. The characters Miller uses were actual people, but the play doesn't track historically. Similarly, Hofland says he tried to design a realistic set while being unrealistic and expressionistic at the same time. He says authentic furniture on cold, slanted platforms helps set the scene for the fragmented witch-hunting Salem community.

Koldenhoven considered flushing out the play's political undercurrents by using 1950's costumes, but decided on modified costumes of the 1690's. He says the costumes are another example of the play's warped reality.

Koldenhoven says the play is always fresh, partly because of its persevering theme. During the McCarthy era, the Senate investigated and cleared Miller. *The Crucible* was seen as a thinly disguised reaction to the Senate investigations. But even though the play reacted to McCarthyism, it also described witch-hunting Puritanism. Likewise, Koldenhoven says, the play describes



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Brian Klazinga, Tim Maat, Julie Sawtelle, Connie Klomp, and Brenda Atsma rehearse a scene for the upcoming performance of "The Crucible."

the 1980's and our own "witch-hunting"--Salman Rushdie, John Tower, Gary Hart.

The Crucible will showcase fresh talent along with some familiar faces. In the last week, the cast has pulled

the performance together, but not without a lot of effort. Koldenhoven says the number of new actors has made directing the play more difficult.

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sports

Dordt rides to championship game

vs. Clarke College

by Eric Groen

Dordt College rode the outside shooting of Jerry Boer to victory in the first round of the NAIA District 15 playoffs last Wednesday in Sioux Center. Boer tallied 33 points on the game, including six three-point shots, as the Defenders pulled away in the second half for a 109-84 win over Clarke College of Dubuque.

Clarke hung close throughout the first half, thanks to Craig Sanders' 15 points, and the Defenders went to the locker room leading only 48-41. The Crusaders continued to play even with Dordt in the second twenty minutes

and cut the lead to 61-59 with 13 minutes to play. Boer's three-pointer then launched the Defenders on a 17-1 spurt that essentially put the game out of reach, as Dordt cruised through the final ten minutes.

Kevin and Joel Veenstra both hit for 19 points and Jay Schelhaas added 13 for Dordt. The Defenders enjoyed a fine shooting night, hitting 50 percent from the floor, and 66 percent from beyond the three-point stripe. Excellent defense by Dordt held Clarke to 41 percent shooting for the night.

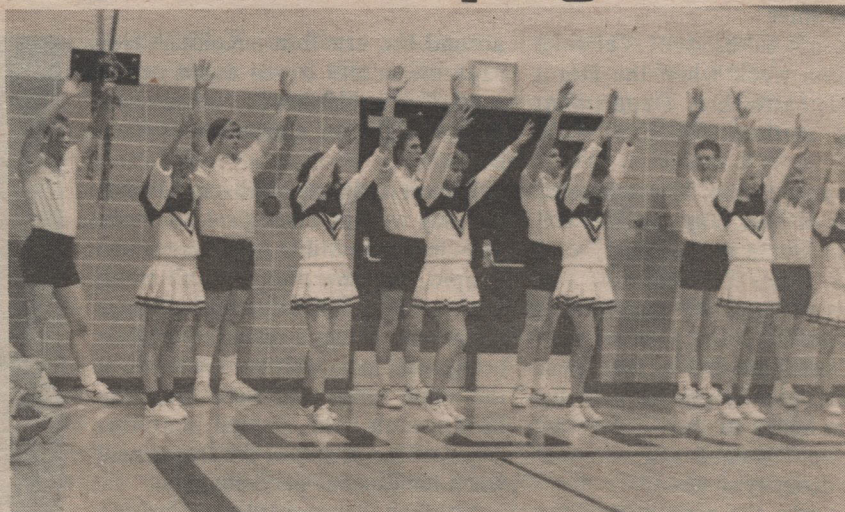


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A familiar sight at basketball games--the cheerleaders stir crowd enthusiasm.

vs. Westmar

by Eric Groen

Dordt traveled to LeMars last Saturday night for a District 15 semifinal contest with Iowa NAIA conference winner and second-seeded Westmar. It was standing-room-only in the Westmar Physical Education Center, as the small gym was filled to capacity before the players even began pre-game warm-ups. Several hundred Dordt fans made the trip, hoping to see the Defenders avenge two regular season losses and advance to the District final for the second consecutive year.

Both teams opened quickly, battling evenly throughout much of the first half. However, led by Jay Schelhaas' 16 points, Dordt moved to a 52-33 halftime lead and seemed ready to blow the Eagles away. The Defenders also limited Westmar's all-time leading scorer, Zack Moore, to just three points in the period.

The second twenty minutes began much like the first had ended with the Defenders continuing to run up the score, posting a 68-40 lead with just under 14 minutes left in the game. Westmar then went on an incredible run, behind Moore's 30 second-half points, and sliced Dordt's lead to 96-94 with just under a minute remaining.

With Dordt leading 100-97 and under 10 seconds to play, Westmar's Dexter Rogers was charged with his fifth foul and received a technical foul for arguing the call. Schelhaas sank all three free-throws and Dordt ran out the clock to escape with a hard-fought 103-97 victory.

Junior point guard Jay Schelhaas paced the Defenders with 28 points, followed by Joel Veenstra, another junior, with 22. Seniors Kevin Veenstra and Jerry Boer both chipped in with 13 as Dordt shot 53 percent from the floor, 7-15 from three-point range. The Defenders also connected on 38 of 52 free throws, in a foul-plagued game that saw seven players foul out, including five from Westmar. Zack Moore led Westmar with a game high 33.

Coach Vander Berg credits a total team effort for the Defender's excellent showing so far in the playoffs. "If they stop one player, another steps forward and takes over," says Vander Berg. The coach also cites excellent team defense and rebounding, especially on the offensive end as key factors in Dordt's recent run.

Blades finish winning season

by Wayne Dykstra

To most people, Northfield, Minnesota is just another one of those towns in the state with all the lakes, but to the Dordt Blades hockey team it was the scene for their year-end tournament. Teams from Carlton College, SDSU, Drake University and Dordt came together for a round-robin tournament starting Friday, February 24, and ending that Sunday, the 26th.

Friday night, the Blades opened the tournament against hosts Carlton College. Carlton, known in past years as a fast, hard-hitting team, didn't disappoint Dordt, mounting an aggressive attack early on in the game. The Blades were equal to the challenge, however, filled with momentum from a three-game winning streak. Solid two-way hockey was showcased in the first two periods with the Blades enjoying a 4-3 lead at the second intermission. In the third period, with a 5-4 lead and three minutes on the clock, the Blades gave Carlton the opportunities to capitalize. Scoring four unanswered goals, Carlton snatched the crucial win out of Dordt's pocket.

The next day, a somewhat disheartened Dordt squad took to the ice to meet the SDSU Jacks. It was their fifth encounter of the season, the Blades skating away with the last four decisions. The Jacks hopped to an early lead. Eventually the offense regained composure, peppering the SDSU goaltender with a barrage of shots. The Blades regained their edge, burying the puck nine times in the opposing net. The defense also played well with goalie James Koetsier kicking out 32 shots on route to the 9-2 victory. At game's end, a weary Dordt team hurried back to their hotel to rest up for their final game of the tournament, and perhaps biggest,

against the Drake Bulldogs.

The record books showed that Dordt hadn't beaten Drake since 1971, but the Dordt team wasn't ready to give in Saturday night. The first period was crucial for the Blades because in past Dordt-Drake contests, Dordt always started slow. The first period, however, saw Dordt take a lead with a goal by Henry Kingma. In the second period, goals were also scored by John De Hoog and Kingma, giving Dordt a 3-2 lead going into the third. A gutsy third period enabled Dordt to skate to a 4-2 win. The Blades ended the tournament with a 2-1 record. The next day, Carlton defeated Drake to finish in the top spot. Dordt placed second.

The overall team record for the 88/89 season was 10-7-2. Some dramatic victories and unforgettable losses enabled the team to make improvements in many different areas. Individual improvement, consistent scoring and a stable defense were welcome sights this season. Following a 2-4-2 record in Alberta, the Blades won five of their last six games.

Next season's team should be stronger than ever, as all players will be returning with the exception of James Koetsier, assistant coach and goalie. Koetsier is optimistic about the team's future. "The guys who needed to become leaders this year became leaders...A well-balanced offense really helped us this year, especially second semester. The team should be even better this coming year." The optimism that Koetsier expresses also can be found the players who will be re-enlisting for 89/90 season. The ice may melt, but their spirits won't.